

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims as indicated below:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A package packaging fresh fish or other perishable food items comprising at least three a-multilayer-polymer film layers that are laminated or coextruded with each other covering packaged fish or other food item wherein the multiple multilayer-polymer film layers include has at least one adsorbent film layer consisting essentially of comprising at least one adsorbent polymer, the adsorbent polymer in and of itself without the addition of zeolite or other similar active ingredients that adsorb amines being one that removes volatile odiferous compounds from a headspace between the multilayer polymer film and the packaged fish or other food item inside of the package, wherein the adsorbent polymer consists essentially of a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

Claim 2. (Original): The package of Claim 1, wherein the copolymer of ethylene and α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid has up to 99% of the carboxylic acid groups neutralized by metal ions.

Claim 3. (Previously amended): The package of Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the multilayer polymer film has a sealant layer, the sealant layer being the layer of the film in direct contact with the packaged fish or other perishable food item, wherein the adsorbent layer is the sealant layer.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein the absorbent film layer additionally contains active ingredients selected from zeolites or other active ingredients that adsorb amines with amine adsorption properties in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent layer's adsorption of amines emanating from fresh fish or perishable foods contained in package over a 72-hour period to a level ~~at or~~ below the level of adsorption that would ~~be~~ occur over a 72-hour period without the active ingredient added to the film so as to control the adsorption of odiferous compounds sufficiently to eliminate levels that are noisome but not eliminate levels that are indicative of dangerous deterioration of fish or perishable foods.

Claim 5. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 3 wherein the adsorbent film layer additionally contains active ingredients selected from zeolites or

other active ingredients that adsorb amines ~~with amine adsorption properties~~ in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent layer's adsorption of amines emanating from fresh fish or perishable foods contained in package over a 72-hour period to a level ~~at or below~~ the level of adsorption that would occur over a 72-hour period without the active ingredient added to the film so as to control the adsorption of odiferous compounds sufficiently to eliminate levels that are noisome but not eliminate levels that are indicative of dangerous deterioration of fish or perishable foods.

Claim 6. (Original): The package of Claim 1 wherein the copolymer comprises from about 1 to about 50% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 7. (Original): The package of Claim 5, wherein the copolymer comprises from about 2 to about 19% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 8. (Previously amended): The package of claim 1, wherein the package headspace has a modified atmosphere.

Claims 9 – 12 (Withdrawn).
